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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional annotated agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Priority theme: "National and international cooperation for social development". Under this theme, the following specific topics will be considered:
      (i) Sharing of experiences and practices in social development;
      (ii) Forging partnerships for social development;
      (iii) Social responsibility of the private sector;
      (iv) Impact of employment strategies on social development;
      (v) Policies and role of international financial institutions and their effect on national social development strategies;
   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
      (i) Review of the global situation of youth;
      (ii) Preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;
      (iii) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
      (iv) Modalities for review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.[1]
4. Programme questions and other matters:
   (a) Programme performance and implementation;

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(b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2004-2005;

(c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.

5. Provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Commission.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-first session.

Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect from among the representative of its members a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and such other officers as may be required. At most of its past sessions, the Commission has elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur or Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2002/210 of 13 February 2002 regarding the improvement of the work of the Commission for Social Development, the Commission, immediately following the closure of a regular session, would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau.

Consequently, the Commission held the first meeting of its forty-first session on 27 February 2002, immediately following the closure of the fortieth session, and elected by acclamation Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury of Bangladesh as Chairman of the Commission, and Alejandra Marta Ayuso (Argentina), Nicole J. Elisha (Benin) and Paloma Duran (Spain) as members of the Bureau of the Commission, with the remaining candidate from the group of Eastern European States still to be nominated for election.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that, after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.5/2003/1)

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.5/2003/L.1)

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

In accordance with the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and Beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", the Commission will undertake regular assessment of the implementation of the Copenhagen commitments and further initiatives adopted at Geneva.

(a) Priority theme: "National and international cooperation for social development"

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on national and international cooperation for social development (E/CN.5/2003/__)

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

The Commission will consider issues pertaining to the situation of social groups. It will have before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the review of the global situation of youth on preparation for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and on the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons. To assist it in responding to the request by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session to consider modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the global situation of youth (E/CN.5/2003/__)

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (E/CN.5/2003/__)

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (E/CN.5/2003/__)

Note by the Secretariat on the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (E/CN.5/2003/__)

4. Programme questions and other matters

(a) Programme performance and implementation

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/238, the Commission will have before it excerpts from the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/57/62) and from the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-second session (A/57/16).

(b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2004-2005

The Commission will have before it the proposed programme of work of the Secretariat for the biennium 2004-2005 in the field of social development.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft programme of work of the Division for Social Policy and Development for the biennium 2004-2005 (E/CN.5/2003/__)

(c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Nomination of members of the Board of the Institute

The Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development is composed of 10 members who are nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council for a term of four years, renewable once for a further two years, in accordance with Commission resolution 10 (XXV).

The Commission, at its forty-first session, will be called upon to nominate a number of new members and to renominate some existing members of the Board. The Council will be called upon to confirm those nominations in 2003.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2003/__)

Report of the Board of the Institute

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Board of the Institute submits to the Commission a report on the progress of its work. The Commission will have before it the report of the Board covering the biennium 2001-2002.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2003/2)

5. Provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its forty-second session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Commission for Social Development (E/CN.5/2003/L.__)

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-first session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure, the Commission shall submit to the Economic and Social Council a report on the work of its forty-first session.

Notes

[1] Agenda item 3 (b) (iv) has been included on the provisional agenda of the Commission for Social Development at its forty-first session pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/__ (draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.15).